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INDUCTION OF MISSILES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the short range surface to air missile Trishul was successfully test fired in Kochi recently;

(b) if so, the details regarding its range and capability;

(c) whether Prithvi-II has been inducted into the Army Missile Group;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the present position regarding induction of surface to air missiles Trishul and Akash in the Army?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Trishul with quick reaction time has a range of 9 km. It is a multi-role missile for all the three Services.

(c) & (d): No, Sir. `Prithvi-II` version has been developed with a range of 250 kms for Air Force.

(e) Further trials are scheduled to complete the development of `Trishul` and `Akash` missile systems after which both the missiles are expected to enter the production and induction phase.